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LETTER DATED 8 MARCH 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance, cause provocation and drop heat flares continued over the period 21 to 28 February 1995.

21 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Aqrah, Irbil, Ayn Zalah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 79 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

At 1125 and 1345 hours on 21 February 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1222 and 1525 hours.

22 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Amadiyah, Zakho, Dohuk and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Salman, Chabaish, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

At 1420 hours on 22 February 1995, attack aircraft dropped three heat flares on the residential quarter of Dumiz in Fayidah subdistrict, Dohuk Governorate.

23 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Qurnah, Samawah and Artawi.

At 1220 hours on 23 February 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1325 hours.

At 0938 hours on 23 February 1995, a hostile formation broke the sound barrier over Qurnah.

At 1030 hours on 23 February 1995, attack aircraft dropped a heat flare on the Dumiz quarter in Fayidah subdistrict, Dohuk Governorate.

24 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 76 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah and Artawi.

25 February 1995

Southern region: 59 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Basra, the area south of Najaf and Khidr.

At 1510 hours on 25 February 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1547 hours.

26 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 6 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 72 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Artawi, Busayyah and Salman.

At 1055 hours on 26 February 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1215 hours.

27 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Aqrah, Tall Afar, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 75 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

At 0953 and 1400 hours on 27 February 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1030 and 1525 hours.

28 February 1995

(a) Northern region: 9 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 9 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, the area south of Najaf, the area south of Diwaniyah, Basra, Amarah, Safwan and Chabaish.

At 1107 and 1400 hours on 28 February 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1305 and 1600 hours.

At 1130 hours on 28 February 1995, a hostile aircraft dropped 8 heat flares over Fayidah, Dohuk Governorate.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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